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SUBJECT: USDEL STATEMENT ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF USDEL (BECKLER) STATEMENT  
IN COMMITTEE II AS DELIVERED FRIDAY, P.M.

QUOTE. THE UNITED STATES SUPPORTS FULLY THE BASIC  
OBJECTIVE OF THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY RESOLUTIONS TAKEN  
AT THE ECLA MEETING ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN  
DECEMBER 1974 IN MEXICO CITY, THAT IS, TO MAKE MORE  
EFFECTIVE USE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR THE BENEFIT  
OF THIS HEMISPHERE. WE SEE THESE RESOLUTIONS IN THE CONTEXT  
OF BROADER POLITICAL ECONOMIC ISSUES THAT HAVE BEEN  
DISCUSSED IN MANY MULTILATERAL, BILATERAL, INTERAGENCY AS  
WELL AS NON-GOVERNMENTAL FORUMS ON LATIN AMERICA. WE  
RECOGNIZE THAT SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AS A TOOL FOR  
DEVELOPMENT MUST BE RELATED TO ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL NEEDS  
AND PRIORITIES. TO THAT END, THE UNITED STATES IS FIRMLY  
COMMITTED TO A COHERENT SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY TOWARD  
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LATIN AMERICA. WE SUPPORT THE NECESSARY LEADERSHIP ECLA

COULD ASSERT IN ITS AREAS OF COMPETENCE, THAT IS, TO INTEGRATE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS IN LATIN AMERICA THROUGH GREATER UTILIZATION OF EXISTING MECHANISMS IN VARIOUS MULTILATERAL INSTITUTIONS, TAKING FULL ADVANTAGE OF COLLABORATIVE POSSIBILITIES.

THEREFORE, THE UNITED STATES REAFFIRMS ITS ENDORSEMENT OF THE CREATION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL EXPERT COMMITTEE OF ALL ECLA MEMBER COUNTRIES FOR THE ANALYSIS OF THE APPLICATION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF LATIN AMERICA, AS WAS UNANIMOUSLY AGREED AT THE ECLA MEETING ON THE APPLICATION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TO DEVELOPMENT IN LATIN AMERICA HELD IN MEXICO CITY LAST DECEMBER.

THERE IS NEED FOR BETTER DATA AND ANALYSIS OF THE MANNER IN WHICH SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CAN BEST CONTRIBUTE TO THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS. THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE CAN CONTRIBUTE TO INCREASED UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROBLEMS INVOLVED THROUGH COMPETENT ANALYSIS CARRIED OUT IN A POLICY PLANNING FRAMEWORK. IT CAN PROMOTE COOPERATION AND GOODWILL AMONG ALL ECLA MEMBERS AND CAN FACILITATE THE IDENTIFICATION OF PRIORITY DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS AND OPPORTUNITIES AND THE INITIATIVES NEEDED TO REALIZE THESE OPPORTUNITIES ON A HEMISPHERIC, REGIONAL, SUB-REGIONAL AND BILATERAL BASIS. SUCH ANALYSIS SHOULD INVOLVE WORKING GROUPS OF QUALIFIED EXPERTS FROM MEMBER STATES WITH EMPHASIS ON QUANTITATIVE DATA, CASE STUDIES AND INTERPERSONAL EXCHANGES.

THE ANALYSIS OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ASPECTS OF DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS WOULD NECESSARILY INCLUDE THE ECONOMIC, FINANCIAL, SOCIAL, POLITICAL, CULTURAL AND INSTITUTIONAL FACTORS THAT ECLA IS UNIQUELY EQUIPPED TO DEAL WITH.

WE FEEL THAT SUCH ANALYSES CAN FORM THE BASIS FOR A NEW EFFORT TO INTEGRATE APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGIES INTO THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS, INCLUDING THE STRENGTHENING OF THEIR INDIGENOUS CAPABILITIES TO DEVELOP AND DEPLOY TECHNOLOGICAL RESOURCES NEEDED FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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SELF-SUSTAINING ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT.

ONE SUCH AREA WHICH WAS GIVEN SPECIAL ATTENTION AT THE MEXICO CITY MEETING, AND FOR WHICH A SPECIAL STUDY HAS BEEN RECOMMENDED, IS THE MOVEMENT OF QUALIFIED PERSONNEL BETWEEN LATIN AMERICA AND DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. THE US UNDERSTANDS THE CONCERNS EXPRESSED BY MANY MEMBER COUNTRIES AND SUPPORTS A COMPREHENSIVE, BALANCED STUDY OF THIS QUESTION WITHIN

THE ECLA FRAMEWORK THAT CAN LEAD TO CONSTRUCTIVE ACTIONS.  
SUCH A STUDY WOULD NEED TO CONSIDER BOTH THE BENEFITS  
AND COSTS OF EDUCATION AND MOVEMENT OF TRAINED  
PERSONNEL TO AND FROM THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES.

IT WOULD INCLUDE THE QUANTIFICATION OF SUCH MOVEMENTS,  
THE CAUSES OF THE MOVEMENTS OF TRAINED PERSONNEL FROM  
THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES, THE NEEDS OF THE DEVELOPING  
COUNTRIES FOR TRAINED PERSONNEL, AND THE BENEFITS RECEIVED  
BY LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES FROM THE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES  
FOR THEIR PROFESSIONALS ABROAD. IT SHOULD DEAL WITH THE  
MEASURES WHICH COULD BE EMPLOYED BY BOTH DEVELOPED AND DEVELOP-  
ING COUNTRIES TO MINIMIZE THE PERMANENT MOVEMENT OF TRAINED  
PERSONNEL FROM THE LATTER, INCLUDING WAYS TO AID THE DEVELOP-  
MENT OF NATIONAL CAPACITIES FOR THE TRAINING AND UTILIZATION  
OF SPECIALIZED PERSONNEL QUALIFIED TO CARRY OUT PRIORITY  
DEVELOPMENT TASKS.

A SPECIAL CONCERN FOR THE U.S. IS THE ROLE OF SCIENCE  
AND TECHNOLOGY IN AIDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE RELATIVELY  
LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES OF THE REGION, IN IMPROVING THE  
STATUS OF THE POOREST SECTORS IN ALL COUNTRIES, AND IN  
REDUCING THE DISPARITIES IN LEVELS OF DEVELOPMENT AMONG THE  
COUNTRIES OF THE REGION.

TO ACCOMPLISH THE FOREGOING TASKS, THE ECLA S&T STAFF  
CAPABILITIES WILL NEED TO BE SUBSTANTIALLY STRENGTHENED,  
INCLUDING THOSE OF ILPES. THE RECENT GRANT BY THE INTER-  
AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK TO ECLA FOR THE FINANCING OF RESEARCH  
IN ARGENTINA SHOULD PROVIDE IMPETUS FOR GRANTS FROM A VARIETY  
OF SOURCES FOR THE OTHER REGIONAL CENTERS AS WELL. PERHAPS  
ADDITIONAL UNDP FUNDING COULD BE FORTHCOMING.

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THE UNITED STATES COULD ASSIST ECLA STANDING  
COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN ESTABLISHING  
A CENTRAL REFERRAL SYSTEM TO ENABLE VARIOUS LATIN  
AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS TO TAP US AND OTHER SCIENTIFIC  
AND TECHNOLOGICAL INFORMATION AND RESOURCES AND TO  
HELP NATIONAL AND REGIONAL INSTITUTIONS EXCHANGE INFORMATION  
AND COORDINATE PROGRAMS.

THE U.S. STANDS READY TO INITIATE A DIALOGUE  
WITH US MULTI-NATIONAL FIRMS THROUGH WHATEVER FORUM THE  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL EXPERT COMMITTEE WOULD DEEM MUTUALLY  
ACCEPTABLE TO DISCUSS CONCERNS OF LATIN AMERICAN  
COUNTRIES REGARDING THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY AND, MOST  
IMPORTANTLY, TO STIMULATE CREATIVE THINKING AND INITIATIVES  
ON WAYS AMERICAN FIRMS CAN ASSIST IN THE ACHIEVEMENT OF  
DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES AND ENTER INTO CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUES  
IN THE COUNTRIES IN WHICH THEY OPERATE. POSSIBILITIES  
INCLUDE SPECIALIZED TRAINING, APPLIED RESEARCH, DIFFUSION  
OF MANAGEMENT KNOW-HOW AND ATTENTION TO INTERMEDIATE TECHNO-  
LOGIES.

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9. ALTHOUGH MUCH ATTENTION HAS BEEN FOCUSED ON TECHNOLOGY  
TRANSFER BY MNC'S THE U.S. GOVERNMENT INVESTS BILLIONS OF  
DOLLARS PER YEAR ON RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS IN  
THE PUBLIC SECTOR, THE RESULTS OF WHICH ARE FULLY AND FREELY  
AVAILABLE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES - IN ENERGY R&D, THE ENVIRON-  
MENT, HEALTH RESEARCH, TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT,  
SPACE APPLICATIONS, ETC. MANY RESULTS OF SUCH RESEARCH  
COULD BE UTILIZED OR ADAPTED BY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.  
SIMILARLY, THERE ARE UNIQUE RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES AND  
CAPABILITIES IN LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES WHICH ARE OF GREAT  
INTEREST TO U.S. SCIENTISTS AND ENGINEERS - E.G. IN TROPICAL  
AGRICULTURE AND HEALTH, GEOPHYSICAL RESEARCH AND NATURAL  
DISASTER WARNING. THE U.S. IS ACTIVELY EXPLORING WAYS TO  
ACHIEVE A MUTUAL EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND TRANSFERS OF  
TECHNOLOGY ON PROBLEMS OF SPECIFIC IMPORTANCE TO LATIN  
AMERICAN COUNTRIES. THIS CAN BEST BE DONE THROUGH THE DIRECT

INTERACTION OF EXPERTS AND TECHNICAL ORGANIZATIONS AMONG ALL OF OUR MEMBER STATES.

10. THE U.S. WOULD WELCOME A STRONGER SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY COMPONENT IN ITS BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL PROGRAMS OF COOPERATION WITH LATIN AMERICAN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHICH COULD BRIDGE THE PRIORITY SECTORS OF CURRENT A.I.D. PROGRAMS. TO FACILITATE THE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND IDENTIFICATION OF PRIORITY SECTORS FOR COOPERATION, DISCUSSIONS COULD BE CARRIED OUT THROUGH SEMIANNUAL, REGIONAL OR BILATERAL WORKSHOPS. THESE COULD COVER ALL TOPICS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER OF MUTUAL INTEREST AND COULD PROVIDE THE BASIS FOR MORE COORDINATED ACTION IN ECLA, OAS, UN AND OTHER INTERGOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES.

11. AS A FINAL REMARK, THERE IS SO MUCH DEVELOPMENT WORK TO BE DONE IN LATIN AMERICA THAT THE ACTIVITIES OF ALL AGENCIES CAPABLE OF MAKING A CONTRIBUTION SHOULD BE WELCOMED. ANY TENDENCY TO THINK OF ECLA, OAS OR UNESCO AS COMPETING IN THIS FIELD SHOULD BE DISCOURAGED. RATHER, WE BELIEVE MEMBER STATES OF ECLA SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO SEEK THE ASSISTANCE OF THE FAMILY OF UN AND INTERAMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS IN CARRYING OUT SPECIFIC POLICIES AND PROJECTS.

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12. WITH ITS FACILITIES FOR TECHNICAL SUPPORT OF THE INVESTIGATIONS AND ANALYSES NEEDED IN THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AREA, WE ARE CONVINCED THAT ECLA IS EQUIPPED TO MAKE A SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT NEEDS OF THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES. THE ECLA PROGRAM CAN BE A COMPLEMENT TO THE NUMEROUS EFFORTS NOW UNDERWAY, ON THE NATIONAL, REGIONAL, AND GLOBAL LEVELS TO DEFINE AND IMPLEMENT TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS TO AID ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. THROUGH DYNAMIC ACTION BY ECLA TO ESTABLISH AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON THE APPLICATION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TO DEVELOPMENT AND ITS RAPID ORGANIZATION, WE CAN HOPE TO ACHIEVE MUCH GREATER PROGRESS IN APPLYING SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR OUR MUTUAL BENEFIT. END QUOTE.

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